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LOCAL SUPPORT, NEW METHODS
BOOST OIL PRODUCTION

PETROLEUM INDUSTRY TOPS PLAN -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 159, 14 Aug 49

The petroleum industry, supported by local party, trade union, and Komsomol organizations, has been very successful this year in increasing the petroleum output. The second-quarter 1949 gross-production plan was exceeded by enterprises of the Ministry of Petroleum Industry. The petroleum output for this period was 12 percent over the same period of 1948 and there was a further production rise in July.

The Ministry of Petroleum Industry is planning to call an all-Union conference in November, which will be attended by stakhanovites and leading workers of the petroleum industry.

Baku is not only the most important petroleum base of the USSR, but also represents a school for training new personnel and an outstanding laboratory for the development of advanced techniques in the petroleum industry. -- N. Baybakov, Minister of Petroleum Industry

"BUZOVNYNEFT" TRUST COMPLETES PLAN -- Izvestiya, No 200, 25 Aug 49

Baku -- "Buzovnyneft" Trust reported completion of the 8-month plan on 23 August. On 24 August oil workers of the fourth well of the very large "Stalinnest" Trust were reported to be completing the last tons of the 8-month plan.

UZBEK OILMEN REMEDY DRILLING LAG -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 148, 30 Jul 49

The Council of Ministers Uzbek SSR and the TsK KP(b) Uzbekistan have reported that the petroleum industry workers in the republic are not meeting the plan for drilling. Drillers of the "Palkantash" Field, Andizhan Oblast, were included in the criticism. The field held an open party conference in

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order to correct the situation. The field's directors were sharply criticized for failing to provide drilling department with sufficient materials and equipment. At the meeting, the directors and workers in auxiliary shops pledged to provide continual supplies of necessary transport, power, equipment, etc., for the drillers. The latter in turn pledged to recover their losses during the third quarter and complete the drilling plan on schedule.

After the pronouncement of the Council of Ministers and the TsK KP(b) Uzbekistan on the petroleum industry, workers at the "Yuzhnyy Alamyshik" Field pledged to complete the 1949 plan for petroleum extraction on 10 December and for drilling on 5 December, to extract 14,000 tons of petroleum above plan, and to drill 4,000 meters above plan.

PROPOSE METHOD OF IMPROVING WELL OPERATION -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 155, 9 Aug 49

Special separators, gravel filters, and the application of the even-starting method do not always attain their purpose in combatting the formation of sand plugs in petroleum wells.

Two engineers at the "Molotovneft'" Trust in Azerbaydzhan have proposed a new method of combatting plug formations. The essence of this proposal is to raise the stability of the stratum by artificial means. As is known, an oil-bearing stratum is deformed on lowering the static level in a well. Sand -- the product of a shattered stratum -- then begins to permeate the well. The "Molotovneft'" engineers have proposed that cement be forced under pressure into the stratum in order to increase its stability. In this manner, the formation of sand plugs is decreased to a large degree, if not completely eliminated.

During the last 5 months, this interesting innovation has been tried out in six wells of the "Molotovneft'" Trust. All reports say that this is an efficient method of combatting plug formations.

BAKU REFINERY GETS RED BANNER -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 161, 17 Aug 49

The Baku Petroleum Refinery imeni Andreyev (Lemberanskiy, director) has been awarded the Transferable Red Banner of the Council of Ministers USSR for its superior operations during the second quarter 1949. The refinery fulfilled its pledge for 1949 ahead of schedule. The refinery is located in Shaumyanovskiy Rayon.

SLANTSY SHALE OUTPUT UP -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 179, 31 Jul 49

In the shale mines of Slantey average daily production of shale is 50 percent above the assignment, with 16 percent more shale being mined per day in July than in June. During the first half of 1949 reduction of the cost of producing shale permitted savings of 800,000 rubles.

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REPORT GOOD HARVEST IN HOPEH

In Shensi, harvesting has begun and crops are running a fair yield. Rice is running from 70 percent of optimum yield on the uplands to 80 percent in river bottom areas.

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EAST CHINA FINANCE AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED -- Ta Kung Pao, 28 Sep 49

Shang-hai -- The East China Finance and Economic Committee was formally established on 24 September by order of the East China Military District Headquarters of the People's Liberation Army. Ts'eng Shan (Ueda: 4661, 2528) was designated chairman and Sung Yu-ho (2313, 10709, 1263), Fang I (4385, 5820), and Hsu Ti-hsin (10930, 6439), first, second, and third deputy chairman, respectively. The main function of this committee is to coordinate and guide economic reconstruction activities of this area.

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